

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1509

Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 850 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1509, as introduced, Anderson. Veterans.

Existing law requires the state to pay a death benefit of \$10,000 to the surviving spouse or designated beneficiary of any member of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia who dies or is killed after March 1, 20003, in the performance of duty, as determined by the Military Department.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this death benefit provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 850 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 850. (a) The state shall pay a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000)
- 4 death benefit to the surviving spouse of, or a beneficiary designated
- 5 by, any member of the California National Guard, State Military
- 6 Reserve, or Naval Militia who dies or is killed after March 1, 2003,
- 7 in the performance of duty.

- 1 (b) The Military Department shall determine if the death
2 occurred in the performance of the member's duty, and shall issue
3 a certificate of benefit eligibility under this section within 20 days
4 of application by the surviving spouse or a designated beneficiary.
- 5 (c) The state shall pay the death benefit ~~within~~ *on or before* 10
6 days ~~of the receipt of~~ *after receiving* the certificate of benefit
7 eligibility from the surviving spouse or a beneficiary designated
8 by the service member.